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WITNESS' DENIES ATTENDING 'PLOT' PARTY

Shaw Attorneys To Call Mystery Girl In Omaha

An attorney for Clay L. Shaw indicated today he will subpena mystery girl Sandra Moffett who told newsmen in Omaha, Neb., she did not attend a party the night the late President's death plotted in New Orleans.

"My opinion ... she will be a very ... witness," attorney Irvin H. Dymond asserted after listening to the result of an interview the woman gave an Omaha newspaper.

Sandra Moffett was named by star prosecution witness Perry Russo as one of a number of people who attended a party at the apartment of David Ferrie the night Russo says he heard Kennedy's death plotted.

Russo testified during a preliminary hearing that Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and Shaw discussed killing the President while Russo listened.

Discovered in Omaha where she is now Mrs. Harold McMaines, the woman acknowledged knowing Russo and said she once had been in love with him.

In other highlights of a two-hour taped interview with the Omaha World-Herald, Mrs. McMaines, now 22, said:

—She could not have attended a party at Ferrie's apartment prior to the Kennedy assassination because she was not introduced to him until ...

—She refused to accompany two Garrison investigators from New Orleans after ... on Feb. 18 in Omaha ... 8.

—S... Perry Russo attempted suicide by slashing his wrists in 1963 and a friend named "Mike" took him to a hospital and "got him sewed up."

—She was acquainted with "Lefty" Peterson, another person whom Russo identified as attending the party which preceded what Russo said was the conspiratorial conversation among Ferrie, Oswald and Shaw.

Dymond expressed immediate interest in Mrs. McMaines' reference to Peterson. He said the defense had been trying to locate Peterson and added:

"We sure as hell want to talk with him."

EARLIER, a spokesman at District Attorney Jim Garrison's office refused to comment on why no warrant or subpena has been issued for Mrs. McMaines.

Asked if she would be subpenaed as a material witness, Asst. DA James R. Alcock replied:

"Stick around and maybe you'll find out the answer to that question."

Mrs. McMaines said she ... of a party girl." ... met Russo on Bourbon ... four years ago. ... met McMaines here ... went with him to Omaha.

Mrs. McMaines said two men who identified themselves as Garrison investigators, Charles Jonson and Ken... came to her Omaha home at 11:30 p. m. on March 8.

She said the men asked her to return to New Orleans with them "to look at photographs, but they didn't say ...

BOTH Mrs. McMaines and her husband said they were wary of Joneau and Simms because they "wouldn't answer questions."

She was offered new clothes and accommodations "at the best hotel in town" if she returned to New Orleans, the woman added.

Instead of returning with them, she and her husband retained an attorney the following day and paid a visit to the office of Douglas County (Neb.) Attorney Donald Knowles.

The Louisiana investigators were "real mad" when they learned the McMaines had gone to the local prosecutor, the Omaha residents said.

During an interview with the Douglas County attorney, the New Orleans men "told the county attorney the same thing they had told us about being legmen for Garrison," Mrs. McMaines recalled. "But they didn't say anything about buying us clothes."

The county attorney advised the McMaines they were not obligated to return to New Orleans so long as no charges had been filed against them, and the Garrison men left.

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THE WOMAN who called herself Sandra McMaines in New Orleans met her husband here while he was in the city on what McMaines called a "sort of a vacation."

McMaines was quoted in the World-Herald as saying he first saw his wife in a New Orleans cafe last year.

"She was no skid row, and I took compassion on her," he added, explaining he has been a part-time minister at an Omaha church for the past several years.

Mrs. McMaines said she turned to religion and married the Omaha visitor "because he was the first guy that took me out and took me to a movie instead of a beer tavern."

Despite what they contend is their role as innocent bystanders in the Garrison investigation, Mr. and Mrs. McMaines said they have been injured as a result of their involvement.

McMAINES said he lost a job with a moving firm because of publicity surrounding the visit of the New Orleans investigators.

Mrs. McMaines said she lost two jobs for the same reason but found work in a cleaning firm about a week ago. Both husband and wife denied reports they had been driven into hiding by the New Orleans case.